

Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight, probably followed by snow.

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## ARCHDUKE TO EARN HIS OWN LIVING

Brother of Princess Louise an Expert Artistic Engraver—Has Refused Any Further Allowance From Father.

Letter Left by Crown Princess Declares She Will Not Return to Her Husband Under Any Conditions.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—It is reported that Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, who is with his sister the Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, at Geneva, has refused to accept any further allowance from his father, Archduke Ferdinand of Tuscany, but intends to earn his living. He will probably work at artistic engraving, at which he is an expert.

One of the stories current regarding the reasons for the crown princess' flight from Salzburg on December 12, is that her father had been most severe with her, because of her love for such works as those of Zola. The Archduke Leopold took his sister's part against the father. Leopold Ferdinand's estrangement from his father first arose from his determination to marry Mlle. Adamovic, who is with him at Geneva. When Leopold first announced his intention of marrying the lady, the Emperor sent an other grand duke to induce her to give Leopold up. She refused. The Emperor then expelled her from Vienna, allowing her \$50,000 francs as a compensation.

A dispatch from Salzburg to the "Neues Wiener Tagblatt," says the Crown Princess Louise and her brother, the Archduke Leopold, left letters giving the reasons for their flight. The letter of the crown princess contains a passage which declares that she will not return to her husband under any circumstances.

The Archduke Leopold, in his letter, approves of his sister's actions. He resigns his titles until the matter can be arranged in the manner she desires. It transpires that Archduke Leopold and the crown princess drove to Hallau in a hired two-horse carriage, as if they were going on a shooting excursion. There they boarded an express train, sending the carriage back to Hallau.

### SAYS PRINCESS LOUISE MADE OTHER ATTEMPTS TO ELOPE

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The "Vossische Zeitung" and "Lokal Anzeiger" state that previous to the disappearance of the Crown Princess Louise, with her children's tutor, Prof. Giron, she made several unsuccessful attempts to elope with other persons. These attempts the crown prince forgave.

## SHARKEY SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN SING SING

Private Detective Found Guilty of Causing Death of Nicholas Fish Will Appeal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas Sharkey, private detective, convicted of killing Banker Nicholas Fish, was sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing by Justice Davy this morning.

Mr. Fish died as the result of blows alleged to have been struck by Sharkey last September outside a Tenderloin saloon. Sharkey was a private detective and had been in the saloon where Fish was drinking with two women.

Sharkey left the place and a short time afterward Mr. Fish came out. The blow was struck as Mr. Fish reached the sidewalk. The banker was taken to a hospital and lived for some time.

Sharkey was convicted of murder in the second degree after a short trial. Abe Levy, his counsel, will appeal from the ten years' sentence.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The temperatures have fallen decidedly in the Atlantic and east Gulf States, with quite general frost on the Gulf coast and in northern Florida. Unsettled weather may be expected tonight and Thursday in the lower lake region and middle Atlantic States, with snow or rain, mostly snow, with higher temperatures, followed by colder weather Thursday over the lower lake region.

On the middle Atlantic coast the winds will become east and southeast and brisk to high.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Delaware Breakwater to New York, and on the north Pacific coast.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh to brisk north to east winds; increasing cloudiness, followed by snow to the Grand Banks.

### TEMPERATURE.

3 a. m. 23  
12 m. 25  
1 p. m. 25

### THE SUN.

Sun sets today 4:44 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 7:17 a. m.

### TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 4:11 p. m.  
Low tide today 10:58 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 4:49 a. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 11:10 a. m.

## TO PREVENT SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Dr. Woodward Ask Additional Appropriation.

Dr. William C. Woodward, the Health Officer, has requested the District Commissioners to include in their deficiency estimates for the current fiscal year an item of \$20,000 for the enforcement of the act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. He says the appropriations made for this purpose have been heavily drawn upon, and that there remains only \$1,200 available for any emergency which might arise. This amount he regards as below the limit of safety, and recommends that an additional \$20,000 be provided.

As indicating the necessity for this appropriation Dr. Woodward says that a case of smallpox was this week sent to the hospital, and that this disease is very prevalent throughout the country. He says that an outbreak of the malady may be expected in Washington at any time, as indicated by the latest public health reports received in his office. These reports show that between June 1 and December 6, Boston had 279 cases of smallpox; New York, 194; Philadelphia, 114; Hudson county, N. J., including Jersey City, 114; Essex county, N. J., including Newark, 100; Delaware county, Pa., including Chester, 124; Allegheny county, including Pittsburgh, 546; Cuyahoga county, Ohio, including Cleveland, 1,118; Hamilton county, Ohio, including Cincinnati, 177, and St. Lucas county, Ohio, including Toledo, 92.

## THIEVES BREAK INTO CHASE'S BOX OFFICE

Carried Off \$200 From Cash Drawer. Jimmy Used.

The box office at Chase's Theater was broken into this morning and about \$200 was taken from the cash drawer. Entrance was made through a back window. To reach the box office, which is situated at one side of the well-lighted lobby, the burglar had to make his way from the alley window through the auditorium. A "Jimmy" was used on the window.

About 4 o'clock this morning occupants of the building heard an unusual noise and made a hurried investigation, but nothing could be found. It was not until the box office was opened for business this morning the robbery was discovered.

## VANDERBILT'S CONDITION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Physicians Announced That He Passed a Better Night and Temperature is Lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There was still further improvement reported today in the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who has been ill with typhoid fever at his home, 22 Park Avenue. Drs. Flint and Janeway issued the following bulletin at 9:30 o'clock this morning: "Mr. Vanderbilt passed a better night. His temperature is a little lower, and his general condition is also slightly improved."

## FRATERNITY MEN ON SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Throw Aside Business to Inspect Points of Interest in City.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity national convention has proven a success so far as their visit to the Capital City is concerned. The third day's sessions have been devoted entirely to committee reports, but this afternoon the members have deviated from the program to experience other pleasures.

At 1 o'clock the delegates assembled at the New Willard and proceeded to the War, State and Navy Building, where they had their picture taken in a body. Later they met President Roosevelt.

They were introduced by Judge C. B. Hawry, a member of the District Court of Claims. A short business session will be held this afternoon.

Among important matters transacted this morning, a liberal appropriation was granted the fraternal papers. The report of the committee on publication of the "Record" was read by H. Snyder Harrison, of Brooklyn, the editor, Champe S. Andrews, being ill and unable to attend.

Tomorrow will be devoted to Christmas celebrations. At noon a luncheon will be served at the Elbbit House. In the evening, a theater party will be given at the Columbia. Friday night a banquet will be given at the New Willard Hotel.

### CANDY DEALER ARRESTED.

Peter Charubas, who conducts a candy store on Seventh Street northwest, near G Street, was arrested this morning by Detective Proctor, accused of using short weight in selling candies. George A. Howe, of the office of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, charges Charubas with habitually defrauding his customers of two ounces in each pound of candy sold. The man gave \$50 bond for his appearance in court on Monday.

## "IMPROVEMENT---SUCCESS."

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

I congratulate THE WASHINGTON TIMES upon its improvement and the increased success that must follow.

Harry B. F. Macfarland

President of the Board of Commissioners

## TEXT OF MARCONI'S WIRELESS MESSAGES

Inventor Transmits Homage to England's King.

### MINTO'S CONGRATULATIONS

Message to Victor Emmanuel of Twenty-Five Words—A Radiograph From Italian Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company has issued the text of the first non-experimental etheric message sent from America to England. It is as follows: "To Lord Knollys: Buckingham Palace, London."

"On the occasion of the first wireless telegraphic communication across the Atlantic Ocean, may I be permitted to present, by means of this wireless message, transmitted from Canada to England, my respectful homage to his majesty, the King?" MARCONI.

The message to the King from the Earl of Minto read:

"To His Majesty the King: London: 'May I be permitted by means of this wireless message to congratulate your Majesty on the success of Marconi's great invention connecting England and Canada?'"

It is understood that Marconi's message to King Victor Emmanuel consisted of twenty-five words announcing that communication had been established between Cape Breton and Cornwall, expressing respectful homage to the King, Queen, and royal house, and grateful thanks for his majesty's powerful support in the experiments. The King replied congratulating Marconi upon his success.

The commander of the warship, Carlo Alberto, which was placed at Marconi's disposal by the Italian government for experimental purposes, sent the following wireless message to Vice Admiral Morin, minister of marine:

"The Carlo Alberto, which had the honor of affording hospitality to the illustrious Marconi, sends to the minister of marine, by means of radiographic telegraphy from Canada, sincere homage."

## CANNOT MOVE GRAIN IN OVERFLOWING GRANARIES

Dealers Meet to Discuss Means of Relieving Congestion—Serious Losses Threatened.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—One hundred members of the Central Illinois Grain Dealers' Association met here last night to devise some means of relieving the congestion of grain in the elevators in the territory represented by them.

Five counties are included in the association. Almost every elevator in the district is full of grain, and it is absolutely impossible to get cars to move it. Representatives of the freight lines in the territory were present at the conference. President Roberts, of the association, said that the contracts of the dealers were expiring, and the dealers were losing heavily, as a result. Unless relief comes, many of them will be seriously affected.

## SEABOARD TO INCREASE WAGES AND REDUCE FARES

Ten Per Cent Advance for Employees Passengers in Florida to Travel at Lower Rates.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—It is understood that the Atlantic Coast Line will, beginning with the new year, make an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all employees who now receive \$100 and less per month.

The Seaboard Air Line will tomorrow reduce fare in Florida.

### MR. McLEAN'S MUNIFICENCE.

John R. McLean today made substantial Christmas presents to the members of the District Fire Department, in the shape of \$20 gold pieces to the assistant chiefs, and a \$5 gold piece to each fireman. The distribution of the money was made by W. F. Hart, his private secretary, and W. B. Olin. The two men, accompanied by "Ned" McLean, made the round of the fire stations this morning in an automobile, meeting the men, and giving them personally Mr. McLean's present. They met 250 men in the department.

## NEW PLANS DRAWN FOR PROPOSED UNION STATION

According to the Present Design It Is Feared That the Structure Will Dwarf Municipal Buildings.

A new set of plans for the union station in Washington is being drawn by H. D. Burnham, the architect in charge, which, if carried out, it is hoped will reduce the cost of the structure by nearly \$1,000,000, and at the same time save the District the heavy damage accruing from the proposed "fill" of thirty-four feet as contemplated in the present scheme for using the Massachusetts Avenue site.

Mr. Burnham, who is a member of the Park Commission, which was created by the Senate for the purpose of making plans for the beautification of the city, also hopes by his new design to more thoroughly harmonize the relations between the new station and the Capitol. According to present plans it is feared that the new station would have a tendency to dwarf municipal buildings, particularly if raised to the elevation authorized in the bill which was recently passed by the House.

Object to Reduction. The Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad companies have signified a willingness to accept the amendments if the House to the Senate bill, passed at the first session of the present Congress, with the exception of the three providing for a reduction in the amount of money to be awarded to them by the Government and the District.

As passed by the Senate the bill provides that the union station shall be erected by the railroad companies at a cost of not less than \$4,000,000. The bill also provides that the two railroad companies receive from the Treasury the sum of \$1,500,000 each as the Government's share of the cost of erecting the station, and the necessary approaches—the total cost of which is estimated at \$12,000,000.

When the bill reached the House the provision that the station should cost \$4,000,000 was left undisturbed, but a deduction of \$500,000 was made from the \$1,500,000 each railroad was to receive. The House Committee on the District, which recommended this change, argued that if the C Street site was used the cost in grading and damages to the Government and District would be materially reduced. The railroads, however, desired the Massachusetts Avenue site, which was disadvantageous to the Government and District from a financial point of view. For this reason the sum of \$1,000,000 was deducted from the amount to be paid the railroads.

Charles Moore, clerk to the Senate Committee on the District, says that the exact manner in which Mr. Burnham purposes avoiding the elevation of the station of thirty-four feet, as now contemplated, is not known. In case he is able to do so, however, his plans would in all probability save the lowering in the grade of H Street, over which there has been much protest. This change would be particularly gratifying to the people living in Northeast Washington.

If the House conferees should insist upon the reduction of \$1,000,000 in the amount paid the two railroad companies, an attempt will be first made to have the bill changed so as to provide for the construction of a station costing only \$3,000,000, instead of \$4,000,000. Should this plan fail the railroad companies will try some other way of lessening the cost of the project which rests upon them.

There will be no formal conferences on the bill until about January 20, when Dr. Gallinger, chairman of the Senate District Committee, returns to Washington.

## COAL SITUATION GROWS DAILY MORE SERIOUS

Miners Take Holiday—Citizens, Anything They Can Get to Burn.

Within the next two weeks the people of Washington may expect a tightening of the coal market, and a greater scarcity of fuel than has prevailed at any time in years past. "It is no longer a matter of furnishing anthracite coal, but of furnishing anything that will burn," say the dealers.

In accordance with their usual custom, many of the miners quit work two days ago, and the output of anthracite coal in the next two weeks will be limited. Already there has been a falling off in the receipts of Reading coal in this city, and many of the dealers are entirely out of this fuel. There is also little coal from the mines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company coming in.

The position of the independent operators is occasioning no end of uneasiness among the local dealers, who find the number of independent mines from which they can secure coal at even extortionate prices decreasing every day. Agents of the New York and Boston dealers are in the mining regions contracting for the entire output of independent mines wherever they can secure contracts. These limit the amount of coal that is offered in the open market, and the enormous demand makes possible any prices that the operators may ask.

## MUST SPEND CHRISTMAS WITHIN HOSPITAL WALLS

Charles Willet, Operated Upon by Dr. Lorenz, Remains in Plaster Cast.

One of Prof. Lorenz's patients in Washington was little Charles Willet, of Anacostia. He was operated upon for club feet. The professor declared that it was one of the worst he had ever seen. The boy was taken to the Children's Hospital by Mrs. A. E. Lugenbell, of 335 Lincoln Street, Anacostia, on November 15, and although the doctors there did everything within their power they could not straighten the little fellow's feet.

When Dr. Lorenz paid a visit to this city, Charles, who is ten years old, was taken to Providence Hospital, where he was operated upon. Since this he has been in the Children's Hospital, and has steadily improved. He has expressed a desire to spend the Christmas holidays with his brothers and sisters. It was at first thought that his wish could be granted, but this morning the doctors said that they could not let him go to his home for the holidays or for several months yet.

The little boy's feet are straightened, but they are still in the plaster cast, and if this is broken the little feet would go back to their crooked position again, and Charles would be worse off than ever. It is thought best to keep him in at the hospital for three months longer.

## VENEZUELAN REBELS MARCH ON CARACAS

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ASKED TO ARBITRATE

Formal Invitations Received From Powers.

### LENGTHY COMMUNICATIONS

No Notice Yet Taken of Action of Italian Cruiser in Holding Up Red D Line Steamer Caracas.

Secretary Hay this morning received the formal invitations from England and Germany to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator of the Venezuela claims. These communications are long and give in detail the reason of the two governments for desiring the services of the President in this capacity.

It is understood, however, that they are so worded as to give the President an opportunity to decline without embarrassment to himself. Secretary Hay would have presented these cablegrams at once to the President, but the latter has taken a day off and will not be in his office again until 3 o'clock. After that hour Secretary Hay will see him.

Although Secretary Hay has taken no notice of the reported action of the Italian cruiser Bausan in refusing to permit the Red D Line steamer Caracas to discharge her entire cargo, the matter will be brought to his attention today through the complaint made by the owners' agent at La Guaira.

This, it is said, was filed yesterday with the American consul at La Guaira and he has forwarded it to the department. Investigation will also be made of the case of an American named Jones, who, purposing leaving Venezuela for the United States and ignorant of the fact that the blockade had been declared, chartered a sailing vessel at Guanta, his home, and loading it with his household goods, started for La Guaira in order to embark for New York.

## "I DO NOT CARE EVER TO PLAY HERE AGAIN"

Dejected Composer Through With America.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mascagni says he would not appear in public again in this country for \$10,000 an hour. He feels that America has dishonored him.

Yesterday he provided funds out of his own pocket wherewith to pay for the transportation of his entire orchestra back to Italy. Almost within the hour he refused an offer of a princely sum to go to Detroit to fill a week's engagement. "I do not care ever to play here again," was Mascagni's formal telegram.

Members of the Mascagni orchestra and opera company boarded an afternoon train yesterday for New York, where a steamer will be taken for Italy. So soon as he recovers from his illness the composer and his wife will follow them. Thus ends the American tour of Mascagni, who will return to his native land, broken hearted and financially a loser of between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Richard Heard, of Boston, who managed the company from the time it left that city after the trouble between Mascagni and his former managers, was yesterday discharged from that capacity. He claims the composer is indebted to him to the extent of over \$3,700 and engaged a lawyer. Another suit against Mascagni may result.

Heard's discharge came after he had dismissed about two score of the Italian players and singers. He formulated a scheme to continue the tour with Mascagni at the head of a company of American musicians and singers.

He announced this plan and went to the apartments where the composer lay ill, in consultation with Italian Consul Rosewadowsky and Attorney Julius Goldstein. When he appeared before him Mascagni informed him that his services would be needed no longer. The threat to sue followed.

Physicians in attendance on Mascagni say his condition is somewhat worse. An attack of fever complicates his case of tonsillitis. It is said that with good care the patient should be out within a week.

### ROUSEE IS HELD.

Joseph Rousee, colored, who is accused of assault with intent to kill on Alice Wynder, colored, was today held to abide grand jury in bonds of \$1,000. In a fight in Goat Alley last night he used a knife with marked effect. The woman, however, was able to be in court today.

### Coal for Schools.

The Commissioners this morning closed a contract with William Zeh for 1,600 tons of soft coal and a like amount of coke for the public schools of the District. This supply will ensure open schools far into the winter. The price agreed upon was \$5.50 per ton for the coke and \$8 per ton for the coal on cars. The District to do the hauling at its own expense.

President Castro Takes Field at Head of Government Troops to Check Advance of Revolutionists.

Attacking Forces, Well Supplied With Food and Ammunition, are Under Command of Gen. Rolando.

Coro Surrounded on Land Side—Matos Secures Support of Powers and Declares Castro's Downfall Certain.

WILLEMSTEDT, Curacao, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Caracas says three rebel armies, 7,000 strong, are marching on Caracas from Alta, Gracia and Guatire. The situation is critical.

The people of Venezuela have no more money to lend the government. President Castro will leave for La Victoria tomorrow to try to stop the advance of the revolutionists under Gen. Rolando.

### Three Armies Marching.

The armistice having ended, the rebels are moving on three roads, led by capable officers. General Matos, the leader of the revolution, will leave to join his troops in a day or two. He declares that Castro's downfall is certain and that he, as Castro's successor, will settle the demands of the powers.

The rebels are well supplied with food and ammunition and are getting fresh supplies through the port of Coro, which the blockading forces of the allied powers have conveniently left open, presumably for that very purpose.

Coro is surrounded on the land side by the rebels and it looks as if Matos has secured the aid of the allies in his attempt to overthrow Castro.

## EXTENSION OF MARYLAND AVENUE NOT APPROVED

Commissioners Have Other Use for Their Money.

The District Commissioners have sent to the chairman of the Senate District Committee an unfavorable report on Senate bill No. 6264, providing for the extension of Maryland Avenue, from Fifteenth Street northeast to the Eastern Branch. With their statement the Commissioners submit a map showing the limits of the extension. They say that it will be necessary to take by condemnation proceedings about fifteen and one-half acres of land, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

It is explained that no grades have been approved, and that no definite estimate of the cost of constructing the roadway can be made, but the Commissioners are of the opinion that the grading would cost \$10,000, and the macadamizing of the surface \$15,000 more, bringing the entire expense up to \$75,000.

The Commissioners do not deem it advisable to recommend the expenditure of so large a sum of money in this locality at the present time, as they have already favorably recommended the extension of M. Twenty-eighth, and R Streets, which reach the same subdivision as would be served by the extension of Maryland Avenue. They believe, too, that about 60 per cent of the land which it would be necessary to condemn under the bill should be dedicated by the property owners.

The Commissioners would add that the bill in its present form would be inoperative because it carries no appropriation for the expenses of condemnation.

## CHICAGO PHOTO-ENGRAVERS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

Will Tie Up Business if Wage, Hour, and Apprentice Schedule Is Not Accepted by January 1.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Photo-Engravers' Union, which controls every workman of the craft in the city, threatens to tie up the photo-engraving houses January 1 if their wage, hour, and apprentice schedules are not accepted. This, the employers asserted last night at a joint meeting, is impossible, and the officials of the union are preparing to call out their men.

The men are now getting from \$15 to \$18 a week, and want a raise of \$1. They want their apprentices bound for five years, and the working day cut from eight and one-half to eight hours.

A meeting of all the employers in the city will be held soon to decide the matter finally.

### SANTIAGO'S MAYOR CALLS.

This morning Minister Quesada, accompanied by Senor Emilio B. Cardo, mayor of Santiago de Cuba, called upon Secretary Hay and was closeted with him a long time. Cuban affairs formed the subject of the conversation.